

STUDENTS PROTEST C.I.A. RECRUITING

Agency Curtails Interviews
at Columbia as Result

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A student protest Tuesday forced Columbia University to curtail a series of student interviews with a personnel recruiter for the Central Intelligence Agency.

The recruiter was scheduled to interview about 25 students this week to discuss employment opportunities in the C.I.A. But a demonstration sponsored by Students for a Democratic Society disrupted the interviewing.

More than 100 protesting students congregated on a staircase in Dodge Hall, outside the room where the interviewing was scheduled to resume after a lunch break, and demanded that the C.I.A. recruiter join them in a question-and-answer session. A few students tried to enter the interview room, but were barred by university security guards.

Alexander Clark, director of Columbia's office of university placement and career planning, conferred with Dr. Lawrence H. Chamberlain, vice president of the university, and then called off the remaining interviews.

Mr. Clark said that the C.I.A. recruiter "couldn't hold interviews under the circumstances." He criticized the demonstrators

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for "blocking other students from the opportunity to seek employment" in the interview with the recruiter, Harry Russell. He had arrived on the campus Tuesday. Some interviews were held in the morning.

Mr. Clark said students interested in seeking C.I.A. employment would be referred to the agency's local field office. The

C.I.A. has a phone number in the Manhattan telephone book. But the listing does not include an address.

The leaders of the student demonstration asserted in a statement that the university "should do nothing to cooperate" with C.I.A.

Mr. Clark said later that it was the university's policy to permit any legitimate business firm or Government agency to discuss possible career plans with students.

William Kahn, proctor of the university, said no disciplinary action was contemplated against the student demonstrators.

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